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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ZIMBABWE TIMES INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR
YOUNG

LAGOS: FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

1. THE BRITISH MINISTER, JOHN ROBINSON, HAS INFORMED THE
DEPARTMENT OF A STORY BEING CARRIED BY THE BRITISH PRESS
AND NEWS AGENCIES THAT ATTRIBUTES TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG THE
FOLLOWING COMMENT, REPORTEDLY GIVEN IN AN INTERVIEW TO THE
"ZIMBABWE TIMES," DATED LUSAKA MARCH 28, 1978.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "THE RHODESIAN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT PACT
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IS A SUICIDE PLAN FOR WESTERN INTERESTS THAT COULD LEAD TO
CIVIL WAR AND BRING DOWN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. I FRANKLY
THINK THE BRITISH PEOPLE WANT TO WASH THEIR HANDS OF THE
RHODESIAN ISSUE AND ALMOST DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS. THEY
WOULD LIKE A QUICK SOLUTION THAT WOULD TURN IT OVER TO
SMITH AND WOULD TURN THE OTHER WAY. WE HAVE SAID THEY
CANNOT DO THAT." END TEXT.

3. ROBINSON EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF FACT THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS OFTEN BEEN MISQUOTED OR QUOTED OUT OF CONTEXT AND EMPHASIZED HE WAS MAKING NO COMPLAINT, BUT BELIEVED WE

SHOULD KNOW OF THE STORY AS IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CREATE DIFFICULTIES IN OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO ADVANCE PEACEFUL, NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.

4. ANY CLARIFICATION, INCLUDING BACKGROUND ON ZIMBABWE TIMES, WHICH EMBASSY LUSAKA OR AMBASSADOR YOUNG COULD PROVIDE WOULD BE HELPFUL. LUSAKA PLEASE CABLE FULL TEXT. COOPER

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